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1. APRIL TEN EMBOFF DELIVERED LETTER TO GOSKONTSERT PROPOSING, ALONG WITH OTHER DETAILS REFTEL, NOVOSIBIRSK, LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW AS ITINERARY FOR DRAMA GROUP. GOSKONTSERT OFFICIALS CALLED IN KOMAROV (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ADMIN FOR GENERAL SERVICES) WHO WAS ASKED EXPLORE LOGISTICS AND OTHER FACTORS REGARDING TRANSPORT OF PROPERTIES TO NOVOSIBIRSK. IN ORDER MAKE ACCURATE ASSESSMENT, HE REQUIRES CUBIC VOLUME AND WEIGHT PROPERTIES. ALL CONCERNED REALIZE THESE DETAILS CONTINGENT ON ACCEPTANCE SECOND PLAY WHICH PENDING.

2. IN ORDER AVOID PROLONGED DEBATE ON THIRD CITY, KOMAROV OFFERED FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES: MINSK, KIEV OR BALTIC CAPITAL. IF NOVOSIBIRSK WERE TO BE DROPPED FROM DRAMA GROUP ITINERARY, GOSKONTSERT (KOKONIN AND KOMAROV) GUARANTEED IN APRIL TEN MEETING THAT NOVOSIBIRSK WOULD BE INCLUDED IN NEW YORK JAZZ REPERTORY TOUR. ALMA-ATA ALSO MENTIONED AS POSSIBILITY FOR JAZZ GROUP.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD BE CONTENT WITH JAZZ IN NOVOSIBIRSK AND
PREFERS KIEV AS THIRD CITY OUT OF GOSKONTSERT ALTERNATIVES.
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT VIEWS ASAP.
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